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Amdt. Dated March 9, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of January 9, 2006



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
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APPLICANT: Buysse, et al.

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*O.K. to register*  
*R. Gibson*  
Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 9, 2006, reconsideration of the claims with respect to the present application are requested in view of the following remarks:

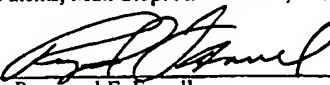
**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.**

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